



City of Freeport

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2020, 6:00 PM
Council Chambers, Freeport City Hall

Council Members Present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Amanda Green, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilman William "Boots" McCormick, Councilwoman Elizabeth Haffner

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Clay Adkinson, Interim City Clerk Lori Cox

1. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Russ Barley in the Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

2. City Manager Position

Mayor Barley announced the purpose of the meeting was to conduct telephone interviews with City Manager candidates.

Four candidates were selected for telephone interviews at the February 4, 2020 Special Council Meeting, but one of the candidates did not return the phone calls and emails to set up the interview.

Pre-approved questions were presented to candidate Owen, questions were received and answered.

A 10-minute recess was called by Mayor Barley at 6:21 p.m.

Mayor Barley called the meeting back to order at 6:27 p.m.

Pre-approved questions were presented to candidate Woerner, questions were received and answered.

A 10-minute recess called by Mayor Barley at 6:48 p.m.

Mayor Barley called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pre-approved questions were presented to candidate Ruder, questions were received and answered.

Council consensus was to move forward with in person interviews with Woerner and Ruder.

Council discussed inviting the candidates and their spouses to the interview and discussed possible dates.

City Attorney Adkinson's preference was to conduct a full background check once the negotiation phase is entered into, Council agreed.

Moved by: Councilwoman Haffner

Seconded by: Councilwoman Brannon

Motion: To extend standard airfare for Ms. Heather Ruder and Mr. Marc Woerner plus one, along with one night standard hotel accommodations in Walton County Florida, to be coordinated through the City Clerk and for the City Clerk to contact the candidates for availability within the next three weeks.

Ayes (5): Councilwoman Green, Councilwoman Brannon, Councilman Farris, Councilman McCormick, and Councilwoman Haffner

Carried (5 to 0)

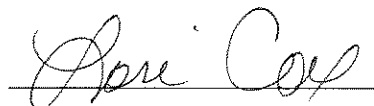
3. **Public Comments - none.**

4. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Barley at 7:26 p.m.



Mayor



Interim City Clerk

